



Yeovil Town Supporters Society Ltd (Glovers Trust)

Minutes of Meeting 2nd October 2019

Club 94, Yeovil

Present:

Stuart Burrell (SB), Terri Burt (TB), Jon Hartley (JH), Simon Brimble (SBr), Vernon Edmunds, Brendon Owen (BO)

Apologies:

_Dean Mountain (DM), Lesley Mowthorpe (LM)

Minutes of previous meeting and Matters arising:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28th August were agreed as an accurate record.

BO had sent the thank you gift to the member who had raised a significant amount of money for the Trust via EasyFundraising. Unfortunately, it arrived a little bruised thanks to the Post Office.

A constructive meeting had taken place with Stephen Allinson regarding the Green and White fund.

Outstanding membership renewals were still being chased up.

The AGM nomination process had been completed. Disappointingly no new nominations had been received. DM has advised that due to other commitments he felt unable to stand for nomination for the next two years. However, he was willing to be co-opted for the next year. It was unanimously agreed that he should be co-opted following the AGM.

SB indicated that Andy Rossiter had shown an interest in joining the Board but not within the nomination period. Again, following the AGM he could be co-opted on if the new Board felt it appropriate.

Finances:

DM had provided an earlier update that stated that there was £9,154.92 in the Trust bank account, with a further £60.00 in cash that had yet to be banked. The 2018/19 accounts also remain on course to be completed by the AGM.

Membership:

Membership stands at 229 adults, 6 young adults and 28 youths. There are 34 adults, 2 young adults and 4 youths whose renewal are outstanding.

Green & White Fund:

SB gave a feedback from the meeting with Stephen Allinson. Stephen had expressed concerns about the lack of clarity that had been given as to the use of any potential funds raised. He had looked at a similar scheme when running the Yeovil ladies club and came to the conclusion that it was an awful lot of work for very little reward.

JH felt that we had specific aims for the funds and we should not give up on the idea.

Questions over whether there was an appetite at present for members to plough money into such a fund at the present time.

It was agreed to keep the project on the back burner at present but bring it up at the AGM.

Trust AGM:

The Football Club had confirmed that we would have use of a room at HP on Saturday 12th October from 5.30pm which would be immediately after the home game against Harrogate Town. It was hoped that this would be the Alex Stock lounge that would be available. With no resolutions to vote upon this year it was agreed that non-members should be invited to attend if they so wished.

Items for the agenda should include, Green & White Fund, Sponsorship, Co-opting members.

Supporters Alliance Meeting:

There is at present no scheduled meeting of the Group. SB will press the Chairman, Richard Rendell to set an early date for a meeting.

Action: SB to follow-up date for next Supporters Alliance Meeting

The Board were pleased that the minutes from the last meeting were circulated and published in good time and it was hoped and expected that all future minutes will be as swift.

Any Other Business:

JH called for a list of ideas for improvements and ways of helping the Club. He suggested that deadlines be put and all members and other supporters to be canvassed. He also felt it was time to speak with The Supporters Association about the merits of seeking a Memorandum of Understanding with the Club. With their advice the Board could then discuss the merits of such a

move. This could then be taken for discussion at the Alliance Group meeting.

Action: Memorandum of Understanding benefits to be reviewed by all and put forward as an agenda item at the next Supporters Alliance Meeting.

SBr advised that he had sent an email to David Mills seeking answers for the poor service offered in the Marquee at half time at the Bromley game. This resulted in many fans turning away unserved. There had also been a complaint that some food products were long past their sell by date. David Mills had replied saying he would investigate the complaints. It was also agreed with him that the possibility of a speed bar be re-visited.

SBr had introduced the new owner of the Cakebox Bakery on Wessex Road to David Mills and it was hoped that a meeting would shortly take place about some possible catering opportunities. Similarly, following the Trust's meeting with Scott Priestnall, the Club have arranged a meeting with Yeovil Ales. Yeovil Ales had confirmed to SBr that their Tap Bar was unlikely to be ready until Xmas.

SBr suggested that an approach be made to the Club for the Trust to once again have a presence in the Marquee. The 50/50 draw had proved to be very popular. It was agreed that the profits could be given to a charity of the Club's choice. It was agreed that a Christmas raffle might also be popular with the fans and it was agreed that SBr would approach the Club and check on their Gaming Licence.

Action: SBr to contact David Mills and propose the suggestion.

TB has met with David Mills to discuss improvements for the Club shop. She was also aware that the catering expert recommended to the Club by the Trust had met with David Mills and had sent in a report with recommendations.

BO said that the invitation to bring flags to the Bromley game had been successful and that the atmosphere on the Thatchers Stand had been fantastic. It was suggested that the members be canvassed as to whether they approved of the Board spending money on the purchase of two very large flags that could be waved when goals are scored.

Action: SB to include in AGM discussions in the first instance.

BO reported on his first two short broadcasts on Radio Ninesprings. Whilst they only lasted for a minute and a half, they were repeated some eleven times between a Thursday and Saturday afternoon thereby giving a little publicity to the Trust. It was hoped that this might develop further in time.

SB raised the issue of sponsorship of possibly a player, the match ball, programme or hoarding. It was agreed to bring the item up at the AGM.

Action: SB to include in AGM discussions in the first instance.

Date of next Meeting:

Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.